number of cases pending in the High Courts was 38,82,074 as on 30.6.2008.

(b) The working days in the Supreme Court and High Courts are regulated by the rules framed by the respective Courts.

(c) This Ministry is not aware of any such suggestion.

(d) and (e) After identifying some of the more important factors responsible for pendency of cases in courts, various Committees and Commissions have made suggestions/recommendations for reducing backlog of court cases which include increasing of judges strength, providing financial support for construction of court buildings, computerization of courts, reduction in vacations in courts and adopting Alternating Dispute Redressal Mechanism etc. Government has already increased the sanctioned strength of judges in the High Courts. Schemes for Development of Infrastructural Facilities for Judiciary and computerization for all the Courts in the country are being implemented. Fast Track Courts have been instituted for speedy disposal of long pending Sessions cases and the cases involving undertrials in jails. Alternative modes of disposal including mediation, negotiation and arbitration have been encouraged. With a view to ensuring expeditious disposal of cases, the Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code have been amended and the concept of 'Plea Bargaining' has been introduced. Supreme Court has reduced summer vacation from 8 weeks to 7 weeks.

Non-availability of basic facilities in rural schools

*192. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has expressed its serious concern over the non-availability of toilets and potable water in all the rural schools in the country;

(b) whether Government has decided that it is compulsory that teachers, toilets, potable water and other necessary facilities are made available to all the rural schools in the country;

(c) if so, what is the percentage of schools, at present, where there are no such facilities; and

(d) whether Government has made it compulsory that all the schools, especially in rural areas, should have such facilities before starting operation of schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) As per District Information System of Education (DISE) 2007-08 data, national Pupil Teacher Ratio is 34:1 at primary level and 31:1 at upper primary level against a norm of 40:1. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, additional teachers are provided where elementary schools have a PTR of more than 40:1. Till 2008-09, 12,28 lakh teachers have been sanctioned under the programme.

The SSA programme convergences with the Total Sanitation Campaign and Drinking Water Mission of the Ministry of Rural Development for accelerated coverage of toilets and drinking water facilities in rural elementary schools. So far 2.65 lakh toilets and 1.93 lakh drinking water facilities have been sanctioned under the SSA programme.

Return on investment made in SEBs

*193. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has envisaged certain minimum Return on Investments (RoI) made in each of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total funds lying invested in SEBs, State-wise, till 30th September, 2008, indicating the annual rate of gross and net returns achieved by each, year-wise, since 2000-01;

(d) the steps initiated, if any, in respect of SEBs where RoI remained below the minimum level and/or suffered negative RoI;

(e) whether Government has conducted any study into the affairs of such SEBs;

(f) if so, the outcome of the exercise; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government of India has notified the Tariff Policy on 6.1.2006 in compliance with Section 3 of the Electricity Act, 2003; para 5.3(a) of the Tariff Policy deals with 'Return on Investment'. It provides that the rate of return on investment should be such that it allows generation of reasonable surplus for growth of the sector. According to the Policy, the rate of return on equity for generation and transmission projects notified by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) would be the basis for the rate of return to be adopted by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs). CERC has presently notified a return of 14% on equity. The rate of return notified by CERC for transmission may be adopted by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) for distribution with appropriate modification taking into view the higher risks involved.

(c) The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has, for the last few years, been publishing Annual Report on Performance of State Power Utilities. The Report covers State Power Utilities, unbundled Utilities (State Electricity Boards)/Power Departments and private distribution Companies created as a result of reform measures in various States. In terms of PFC's methodology, the total funds invested (capital employed) in the utilities may be by way of equity capital, retained earnings or borrowed funds. The total funds invested or capital employed in the utilities is computed by adding equity capital, reserves and surplus, total loans, grants and consumer contribution. The return on total funds invested / capital employed in the utilities is computed as percentage of profit before interest to total funds invested / capital employed. The information for the years 2002-03 to 2006-07 in respect of total funds invested (capital employed) in the utilities and return thereon is available in PFC. The details are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below). The source of data for computation of the information (audited, provisional annual accounts / annual resource plans) is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Electricity is a concurrent subject. The appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission shall, subject to the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, (Act) specify the terms and conditions for the determination of tariff, and in doing so, shall be guided by the provisions of section 61 of the Act, including the National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy. The Tariff Policy cast the duty of notifying the rate of return on equity on the Appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commissions. The State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) specify in their regulations the terms and conditions of tariff which also includes the Return on Equity (ROE) for the distribution licensees including the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) where such Boards exist. SERCs are also stipulating, under the Multi Year Tariff regime, efficiency improvement parameters including targets for reduction of distribution losses.

(e) to (g) Do not arise in view of (d) above.

Statement-I

Return on Investments made in SEBs

State	Utility	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Total Capital Employed	RoCE (%)	Total Capital Employed	RoCE (%)	Total Capital Employed	RoCE (%)	Total Capital Employed	RoCE (%)	Total Capital Employed	RoCE (%)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bihar	BSEB	1,814	4.56	4382	8.37	5879	7,98	7,248	2.72	7,878	-0.58
Jharkhand	JSEB	2,555	5.10	849	15.51	7217	0.93	9,188	-1.07	6,442	4.96
Orissa	CESCO	252	-72.65	311	-8.90	502	-8.44	503	-9.87	469	-17.08
	GRIDCO	4,115	-3.88	4946	17.67	5116	16.70				
								2,604	14.20	2,495	26.26
	NESCO	45	-247.00	7	-1015.74	-69	-118.94	167	30.88	61	70.26
	OHPC	2,632	-0.18	2626	1.62	2661	3.21	2,588	-0.25	2,671	2.84
	OPGCL	811	26.96	758	21.02	741	21.13	706	22.36	855	21.46
	SESCO	151	-36.82	106	-63.87	39	-252.00	6	-342.41	(88)	-79.27
	WESCO	145	-17.19	100	-42.47	132	-16.45	279	0.93	215	24.50
	OPTCL	2,076	4.20					2,017	4.20	2,017	5.52
Orissa TOTAL		8,151	-3.93	8855	9.78	9123	9.32	8,929	6.64	8,694	11.17
Sikkim	Sikkim PD		N.AVL.		N.AVL.						
West Bengal	WBPDCL	5,524	3.79	6301	4.99	7307	4.81	8,192	3.03	7,535	4.70
	WBSEB	3,388	-22.82	6967	2.67	7786	3.31	8,075	1.39	5,196	-67.95
West Bengal TOTAL		8,913	-6.35	13267	3.77	15093	4.04	16,268	2.22	12,731	-24.95

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal PD	-66	-127.09	-125	-55.20	-241	-30.96	(362)	-22.19	(493)	-18.02
Assam	ASEB	2,158	-19.78	2047	-19.00	939	-100.35				
								131	-1.16.	8	-1530.11
	APGCL							743	-3.75	868	-0.99
	AEGCL							259	3.52	313	-14.78
	CAEDCL							198	-0.04	230	-0.03
	LAEDCL							228	-7.47	321	2.27
	UAEDCL							164	-16.96	228	-5.09
Assam TOTAL		2.158	-19.78	2047	-19.00	939	-100.35	1,723	-3.78	1,968	-9.56
Manipur	Manipur PD	-131	-88.73	-282	-40.75	-422	-27.12	(665)	-34.00	(951)	-29.83
Meghalaya	MeSEB	573	1.83	657	15.88	796	3.55	885	-1.41	1,022	-6.79
Mizoram	Mizoram PD	-74	-59.18	-120	-38.14	-191	-31.97	(231)	-14.31	(302)	-20.44
Nagaland	Nagaland PD	91	-51.08	-81	-182.32	-169	-35.27	(261)	-24.38	(365)	-21.16
Tripura	Tripura	-121	-68.69	-223	-32.18	-285	-22.71	(323)	-2.73	(296)	-9.17
Delhi	BSES Rajdhani	1,093	-5.14	1197	-2.45	1555	4.29	2,015	6.02	2,402	7.49
	BSES Yamuna	238	-41.65	337	-14.00	620	3.14	885	8.47	1,114	11.18
	Delhi Transco	1,230	-49.27	647	-237.19	283	-199.65	737	15.65	782	11.10
	Indraprashta	387	-2.22	405	-4.07	365	-9.78	398	-5.94	412	5.25
	NDPL	983	2.29	1050	3.19	1316	5.81	1,410	9.61	1,514	16.03
	Pragati	935	4.89	1138	14.20	1125	12.92	1,091	10.36	1,044	14.70
Delhi TOTAL		4,867	-44.42	4774	-30.01	5265	-5.58	6.536	8.21	7,266	11.13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Haryana	DHBVNL	799	7.38	941	9.12	728	-23.00	857	-0.30	1,322	1.41
	HPGCL	2,071	8.21	2911	5.67	3783	3,47	4,651	6.96	6,333	5.20
	HVPNL	2,933	8.87	3042	13.29	3529	6.71	3,135	1.79	3,178	5.35
	UHBVNL	1,306	7.31	1426	9.05	1174	-12.21	1.095	-19.61	1,638	-12.39
Haryana TOTAL	7,109	8.22	8320	9.43	9215	0.62	9,738	1.67	12,471	253	
Himachal Pradesh	HPSEB	2,606	1.67	2846	1.57	3260	2.71	3,568	3.99	3,766	3.72
Jammu & Kashmir	J&K PDCL	3,103	0.61	3436	1.98	4315	1.16	4,838	0.97	5,683	0.91
	J&K PDD	-1,608	-66.89	-2667	-38.59	-3814	-28.63	(5,285)	-27.26	(6,596)	-18.93
Jammu & Kashmir TOTAL		1,496	-70.64	769	124.91	501	-207.88	(447)	-311.71	(913)	131.10
Punjab	PSEB	15,386	5.21	14689	8.93	10521	-27.00	9,824	9.83	10,821	-6.86
Rajasthan	AWNL	1,415	12.97	1774	9.60	2473	7.21	2,979	6.64	3,704	7.07
	JDVVNL	1,337	12.40	1763	9.53	2308	7.15	3,157	6.10	3,969	5.59
	JVVNL	1,443	13.28	1962	9.75	2619	6.47	3,301	5.19	4,333	5.25
	RRVPNL	3,251	6.56	3682	4.87	3726	4.96	3,935	4.57	4,344	4.30
	RRVUNL	6,151	9.13	6214	9.23	6399	8.24	6,750	6.98	7,841	5.80
Rajasthan TOTAL		13,597	9.68	15395	8.33	17523	6.99	20,122	6.03	24,191	5.59

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Uttar Pradesh	DVVN			366	-102.82	262	-193.54	(134)	-416.33	(305)	-302.44
	MVVN			466	-44.39	877	-44.38	950	-33.24	787	-82.73
	Pash VVN			894	-15.88	873	-23.87	1,093	-9.21	982	-65.28
	Poorv VVN			696	-7.15	-689	-171.25	(1,145)	-97.08	(2,254)	-42.13
	UPJVNL	328	0.01	342	0.06	350	2.33	554	3.48	579	2.74
	UPPCL	5,055	-16.47	8753	0.06	9795	-2.97	11,544	-0.82	15,522	-1.59
	UPRVUNL	3,710	3.83	4342	3.64	5046	3.86	5,531	2.60	6,381	3.17
	KESCO			-90	-130.12	-111	-13.00	(94)	-20.00	(169)	-49.89
Uttar Pradesh	TOTAL	9,092	-7.59	15769	-4.62	16403	-14.55	18,298	-11.12	21.523	-15.23
Uttarakhand	UJVNL	962	3.04	1229	1,26	1571	-0.18	1,956	0.26	2,251	-0.64
	Ut PCL	926	18.62			1211	-1.55	1,270	-6.27	1,294	-19.30
				1115	10.14						
	UtTransco					289	-2.17	425	-3.00	631	-1.39
Uttarakhand	TOTAL	1,888	10,68	2344	5,48	3071	-0.91	3,651	-2.39	4.177	-6.54
Andhra	AP Genco	6,853	15.51	7459	14.58	7352	13.23	7,579	10.58	8,113	9.21
	APTransco	4,003	13.53	4778	8.40	4406	5.40	2,979	11.55	3,100	5.21
	APCPDCL	1,542	8.07	1807	1.45	2068	10.24	2,314	11.50	2,456	9.52
	APEPDCL	644	5.56	798	6.19	1029	8.56	1,455	7.25	1,256	9.34
	APNPDCL	832	6.99	992	8.21	1156	5.92	1,273	7.27	1,349	5.99
	APSPDCL	1,112	7.95	1439	6.99	1710	6.02	2,020	8.50	2,542	7.96
Andhra Pradesh	TOTAL	14,985	12.76	17273	10.11	17721	9.49	17,620	10.11	18,815	8.20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Karnataka	BESCOM	522	9.54	659	7.11	1014	10.42	1,219	12.68	1,584	11.81
	GESCOM	258	8.41	280	0.91	292	4.52	434	3.45	614	12.54
	HESCOM	475	6.87	578	7.83	833	6.09	1,161	8.47	1,402	10.01
	KPCL	4,786	11.02	5256	10.64	6106	9.09	7,020	8.56	7,775	9.08
	KPTCL	4,035	12.23	4550	7.47	4549	7.91	4,202	10.16	2,913	12.11
	MESCOM	365	8.73	555	7.98	597	8.07	451	9.56	521	12.39
	VVNL	197	4.06	181	4.27	170	9.35	165	7.63		
	CHESCOM							357	9.19	451	9.17
Karnataka TOTAL		10,638	10.95	12058	8.67	13561	8.47	15,009	9.22	15,260	10.28
Kerala	KSEB	8,380	7.79	9046	8.18	8649	7.48	8,148	7.59	6,958	8.79
Puducherry	Puducherry PCL	N.Avl.	N.Avl.	133	9.65	133	8.07	133	6.90	133	8.65
	Puducherry PD	-27	-87.56	256	9.68	278	18.89	302	9.82	322	8.32
Puducherry TOTAL				389	9.67	411	15.39	435	8.92	456	8.42
Tamil Nadu	TNEB	9,051	9.89	10429	-2.13	9978	-2.35	9,303	-4.05	9,951	-8.74
Chhattisgarh	CSEB	1,919	17.01	2329	22.42	3364	7.97	4,130	15.02	5,495	10.36
Goa	Goa PD	171	79.70	337	47.61	494	31.12	635	23.96	760	17.26
Gujarat	GEB	6,795	4.36	6431	-9.13	7515	3.78				
	GSECL	1,425	7.31	1352	6.83	1246	5.79	5,137	7.35	5,505	6.24
	DGVCL							1,013	8.34	1,283	7.84

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	MGVCL							902	9.33	1,080	7.29
	PGVCL							2,239	8.45	2,629	6.19
	UGVCL							1,349	8.74	1,531	8.01
	GETCO							3,891	5.43	3,857	5.59
	GUVNL							4,441	5.96	4,630	4.45
Gujarat TOTAL		8,220	4.87	7783	-6.36	8760	4.06	18,971	7.01	20,516	6.00
Madhya	MPSEB	5,462	4.88	6737	7.93	10338	15.05				
	MPPGCL							4,211	2.66	4,773	3.06
	MPPTCL							2,385	4.73	2,815	6.18
	MP Madhya Kshetra VVCL							775	-35.70	589	-82.01
	MP Paschim Kshetra VVCL							1,328	-11.24	1,520	-4.98
	MP Purv Kshetra VVCL							805	-25.22	781	-33.13
Madhya Pradesh TOTAL		5,462	4.88	6737	7.93	10338	15.05	9,505	-2.00	40.478	-4.75
Maharashtra	MSEB	17,868	6.36	17096	5.17	16509	3.18				
	MSEDCL							6,994	0.23	7,791	5.63
	MSPGCL							5,051	4.28	6,706	6.51
	MSPTCL							4,927	9.64	5,204	7.05
Maharashtra TOTAL		17,868	6.36	17096	5.17	16509	3.18	16,972	3.71	19,701	6.30

Statement-II

Status of Annual Accounts for the years 2002-03 and 2003-04

	State	Utility	2002-03	2003-04
	1	2	3	4
Eastern	Bihar	BSEB	P	P
	Jharkhand	JSEB	RP	RP
	Orissa	GRIDCO	A	A
			NESCO	A
	A			
		OHPC	A	A
		OPGCL	A	A
		SESCO	A	A
		CESCO	P	P
		WESCO	A	A
	Sikkim	Sikkim PD	RP	RP
	West Bengal	WBPDCL	A	A
		WBSEB	A	A
North Eastern	Assam	ASEB	A	A
	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal PD	RP	RP
	Manipur	Manipur PD	RP	RP
	Mizoram	Mizoram PD	RP	RP
	Nagaland	Nagaland PD	RP	RP
	Tripura	Tripura	RP	RP
	Meghalaya	MeSEB	A	A
Northern	Delhi	Delhi Transco	A	A
		Indraprashta	A	A
		NDPL	A	A
		BSES Rajdhani	A	A
		BSES Yamuna	A	A
		Pragati	A	A
	H.P.	HPSEB	A	A
	Haryana	DHBVNL	A	A
		HPGCL	A	P
		HVPNL	A	A
		UHBVNL	A	A
	J&K	J&KPDCL	P	P

	1	2	3	4
		J&K PDD	RP	RP
	Punjab	PSEB	A	A
	Rajasthan	AVVNL	A	A
		JDVVNL	A	A
		JVVNL	A	A
		RRVPNL	A	A
		RRVUNL	A	A
	Uttar Pradesh	UPJVNL	A	A
		UPPCL	A	A
		UPRVUNL	A	A
		MVVNL		P
		Poorva VVNL		A
		Paschim VVNL		P
		DVVNL	New utilities	P
	Uttaranchal	UTPCL	A	A
		UJVNL	P	P
Southern	Andhra Pradesh	APCPDCL	A	A
		APEPDCL	A	A
		APGENCO	A	A
		APNPDCL	A	A
		APSPDCL	A	A
		APTRANSCO	A	A
	Karnataka	BESCOM	A	A
		GESCOM	A	A
		HESCOM	A	A
		KPCL	A	A
		KPTCL	A	A
		VMESCOM	A	A
		VVNL	A	A
	Kerala	KSEB	A	A
	Pondicherry	Pondicherry PD	RP	RP
		Pondicherry PCL	RP	RP
	Tamil Nadu	TNEB	A	A
Western	Chhattisgarh	CSEB	P	P
	Goa	GoaPD	RP	RP

	1	2	3	4
	Gujarat	GEB	A	A
		GSECL	A	A
	M.P.	MPSEB	A	A
	Maharashtra	MSEB	A	A

Note: A : Audited

P : Provisional

RP : Planning Commission Annual Resource Plan

Status of Annual Accounts for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07

			2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	1	2	3	4	5
Eastern	Bihar		P	P	P
	Jharkhand		P	P	RP
	Orissa		A	A	A
			New utility	A	A
			P	P	P
			A	A	A
			A	A	P
			P	P	P
			P	P	P
			P	P	P
	Sikkim		RP	RP	RP
	West Bengal		A	A	A
			A	A	P
North	Assam		A	A	P
			NewUtilities	A	A
				A	P
				A	P
				A	P
				A	P
	Arunachal Pradesh RP		RP	RP	
	Manipur		RP	RP	RP
	Mizoram		RP	RP	RP
	Nagaland		RP	RP	RP
	Tripura		RP	RP	RP
	Meghalaya		A	A	
Northern	Delhi		A	A	A

	1	2	3	4	5
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
	H.P.		A	A	P
	Haryana		A	A	P
			A	P	P
			A		P
			A	A	A
	J&K		P		P
			RP	RP	RP
	Punjab		A	A	A
	Rajasthan		A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
			A	A	A
	Uttar Pradesh		A	P	P
			A	A	P
			A	A	A
		MVVNL	P	P	P
		Poorva VVNL	P	P	P
		Paschim VVNL	P	P	P
		DVVNL	P	P	P
		KESCO	P	P	P
	Uttaranchal	UTPCL	P	P	P
		Ut Transco	P	P	P
		UJVNL	P	P	P
Southern	Andhra Pradesh	APCPDCL	A	A	A
		APEPDCL	A	A	A
		APGENCO	A	A	A
		APNPDCL	A	A	A
		APSPDCL	A	A	A
		APTRANSCO	A	A	A

	1	2	3	4	5
	Karnataka	BESCOM	A	A	A
		GESCOM	A	A	A
		HESCOM	A	A	A
		KPCL	A	A	A
		KPTCL	A	A	A
		MESCOM	A	A	A
		VVNL	A	A	Amalgamated with KPCL *w.e.f.* 1.4.2006
		Chamundeshwari DISCOM	New Utility	A	A
	Kerala	KSEB	A	A	P
	Pondicherry	Pondicherry PD	RP	RP	RP
		Pondicherry PCL	RP	RP	RP
	Tamil Nadu	TNEB	P	A	A
Western	Chhattisgarh	CSEB	P	P	P
	Goa	Goa PD	RP	RP	RP
	Gujarat	GEB	A	-	Unbundled *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005
		PGVCL		A	P
		DGVCL		A	A
		MGVCL	New Utilities	A	A
		UGVCL		A	A
		GETCO		A	A
		GSECL	A	A	A
		GUVNL	A	A	
	M.P.	MPSEB	A	P (for 2 months)	Unbundled *w.e.f.* 1.6.2005
		MPPTCL		A	A
		M.P. Purv Kshetra VVCL		A	A
		M.P. Paschim Kshetra VVCL	New Utilities	A	P
		M.P. Madhya Kshetra VVCL		A	A
		MPPGCL		A	A
	Maharashtra	MSEB	A	P (for 2 months)	Unbundled *w.e.f.* 6.6.2005
		MSPTCL	New Utilities	A	A
		MSEDCL		A	A
		MSPGCL		A	A

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